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Attn: Scott Frey

SUBJECT: FY 2008-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment 3 to remove several federal-aid highway funded projects

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Please approve the following changes, shown as Amendment 3 which will amend the FY 2008-2012 STIP. The purpose of this request is to remove three pavement preservation projects and one bridge rehabilitation project from the FY 2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to fund delivery of US-95, Sandpoint, North and South.

US-95, Sandpoint, North and South is a major expansion project to widen, realign, and reconstruct a 9-mile section of US-95 in Sandpoint at an estimated total cost of \$130.299 million. Development of this project began in June of 1979 and \$26.323 million has been obligated for this purpose to date. Additional utility and depot repair work (\$0.8 million), railroad construction maintenance (\$2 million), archaeology (\$2.5 million), and right-of-way acquisition by the railroad (\$6.372 million) must be contracted and funded before beginning construction. Additional funding of \$8.754 million over current programmed costs is required to fund these activities and the most recent engineer's estimate.

In March the Idaho Transportation Board approved the removal of the following bridge or pavement rehabilitation projects from District 1 to offset the additional \$8.754 million required to advertize US-95, Sandpoint, North and South.

Project	Proposed Project Offsets (\$000)				
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	Sum
KN 09451 SH-200, BNSF RR Bridge, Hope	\$2,060				\$2,060
KN 09458 US-95, Smith Creek to Sheep Creek, Benewah Co.	\$3,426				\$3,426
KN 11022 US-2, Hornby Creek to Lake St., Bonner Co.		\$75		\$1,650	\$1,725
KN 11023 SH-41, Seltice Way North, Post Falls		\$80		\$1,760	\$1,840
	\$5,486	\$155	\$0	\$3,410	\$9,051

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The proposed offsets would be used to update the schedule for advanced construction for US-95, Sandpoint, North and South as follows:

Program	Proposed Schedule (\$000)				
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	Sum
Expansion	\$28,939	\$22,675	\$17,656	\$27,863	\$97,133
High Priority TEA-21	\$6,843				\$6,843
	\$35,782	\$22,675	\$17,656	\$27,863	\$103,976

Each of the above projects qualifies for group status under 23 CFR Part 450.3246 and no additional public involvement is required. There are no air quality implications for these actions and no air quality conformity is required. The Idaho Transportation Department certifies that the above project actions were in accordance with all applicable requirements as described in Section 450.218 of the Statewide Planning Regulations, dated February 14, 2007. The STIP continues to be consistent with the Statewide Transportation Plan as approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004 and remains fiscally constrained.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Planning and Programming Administrator